



**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
St. Paul District**

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St. Paul Highlights

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COL Michael F. Pfenning

- Assumed command as the 61st District Engineer on July 30, 2004.
- Doctorate and Masters of Science degrees in operations research, Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.
- Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.
- Completed Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
- Previous position: Chief, Well Being Division, Human Resources Policy Directorate of the Army, in Washington, D.C.



The St. Paul District

- Encompasses four river basins:
 - Upper Mississippi River
 - Red River of the North
 - Souris River
 - Rainy River
- Covers 139,000 square miles and portions of five states:
 - Most of Minnesota
 - Western Wisconsin
 - Eastern North Dakota
 - Northeastern corner of South Dakota
 - Northeastern corner of Iowa
- Maintains 280 miles of 9-foot navigation channel
- Coordinates with five congressional delegations:
 - 10 U.S. Senators
 - 21 U.S. Representatives

Major Missions

- Support to war on terrorism
- Support to commercial navigation
- Flood damage reduction
- Assistance during natural disasters
- Regulatory permit program for Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Environmental restoration
- Water supply
- Recreation